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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate in December 1984 was 7.4 percent, down from 7.6 percent in November. The U.S. jobless rate in December stood at 7.0 percent. The number of jobless in New Mexico declined by 1,200 over the month, while total employment increased by 5,300 persons. One year ago, the State's unemployment rate was 9.0 percent. Preliminary estimates indicate New Mexico's unemployment rate averaged 7.7 percent in 1984, considerably improved from the average rate of 10.0 percent in 1983.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment grew by 2,500 jobs in December, with much of the increase coming in the trade and services industries. Holiday hiring in retail trade was somewhat stronger than usual, and the start of the ski season resulted in a large gain in the amusements & recreation sub-sector of services. The transportation industry also reported rather strong temporary hiring for the Christmas season. Construction and manufacturing both lost jobs over the month as cold weather and the end of chile processing resulted in layoffs.

Although total mining employment showed no change in December, significant movement was evident in two sub-sectors. Potash employment fell due to a temporary layoff at AMAX Chemical Company near Carlsbad; however, this was offset by hiring in coal mining. Unfortunately, potash and uranium mining are scheduled for additional layoffs in the near future. Kerr McGee Corporation has announced plans to close both its Eddy County potash mine and McKinley County uranium mine in the near future, with the loss of approximately 800 jobs.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	645,000	640,900	605,900	+4,100	+39,100
Employment	597,500	592,200	551,400	+5,300	+46,100
Unemployment	47,500	48,700	54,500	-1,200	-7,000
Rate	7.4%	7.6%	9.0%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1984	Revised NOV 1984	Revised DEC 1983	Change From DEC NOV 1984	Change From DEC 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	506,500	504,000	485,300	+2,500	+21,200
MINING	21,900	21,900	21,000	0	+ 900
Metal Mining	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,400	4,300	4,000	+ 100	+ 400
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,600	13,700	12,900	- 100	+ 700
CONSTRUCTION	35,200	36,200	32,000	-1,000	+ 3,200
MANUFACTURING	35,300	35,700	34,900	- 400	+ 400
Durable Goods	22,800	23,200	22,100	- 400	+ 700
Lumber and Wood Products	2,400	2,500	2,400	- 100	0
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,900	5,900	5,300	0	+ 600
Transportation Equipment	3,500	3,600	3,400	- 100	+ 100
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,200	11,000	- 200	0
Nondurable Goods	12,500	12,500	12,800	0	- 300
Food and Kindred Products	4,000	4,200	4,000	- 200	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,700	+ 100	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,000	6,100	+ 100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	28,700	29,400	+ 400	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,600	5,400	5,700	+ 200	- 100
Other Transportation	4,600	4,500	4,000	+ 100	+ 600
Communication	7,100	7,100	7,900	0	- 800
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,500	9,400	9,500	+ 100	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	122,400	120,000	115,900	+2,400	+ 6,500
Wholesale Trade	21,500	21,500	21,600	0	- 100
Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	12,500	0	- 300
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,100	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	100,900	98,500	94,300	+2,400	+ 6,600
General Merchandise Stores	13,100	12,400	12,000	+ 700	+ 1,100
Food Stores	14,900	14,700	13,800	+ 200	+ 1,100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,300	12,200	12,100	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	35,000	34,700	32,200	+ 300	+ 2,800
Other Retail Trade	25,600	24,500	24,200	+1,100	+ 1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,600	24,500	23,500	+ 100	+ 1,100
Banking	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	+ 200
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,600	10,500	9,800	+ 100	+ 800
SERVICES	105,200	104,200	100,300	+1,000	+ 4,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,600	10,600	10,100	0	+ 500
Personal Services	5,300	5,200	5,000	+ 100	+ 300
Business Services	23,800	23,500	22,300	+ 300	+ 1,500
Health Services	25,500	25,600	25,400	- 100	+ 100
Social Services	6,900	6,900	6,300	0	+ 600
Membership Organizations	6,100	6,100	5,000	0	+ 1,100
Other Services	27,000	26,300	26,200	+ 700	+ 800
GOVERNMENT	132,800	132,800	128,300	0	+ 4,500
Federal	29,500	29,100	28,400	+ 400	+ 1,100
State 2/	46,400	47,000	44,600	- 600	+ 1,800
Local	56,900	56,700	55,300	+ 200	+ 1,600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary December labor force estimates the Albuquerque area closed out 1984 with an unemployment rate of 6.0 percent, down .4 of a percent from November. Employment increased by 4,300 in December to 238,000, and the number of unemployed declined by 800 people.

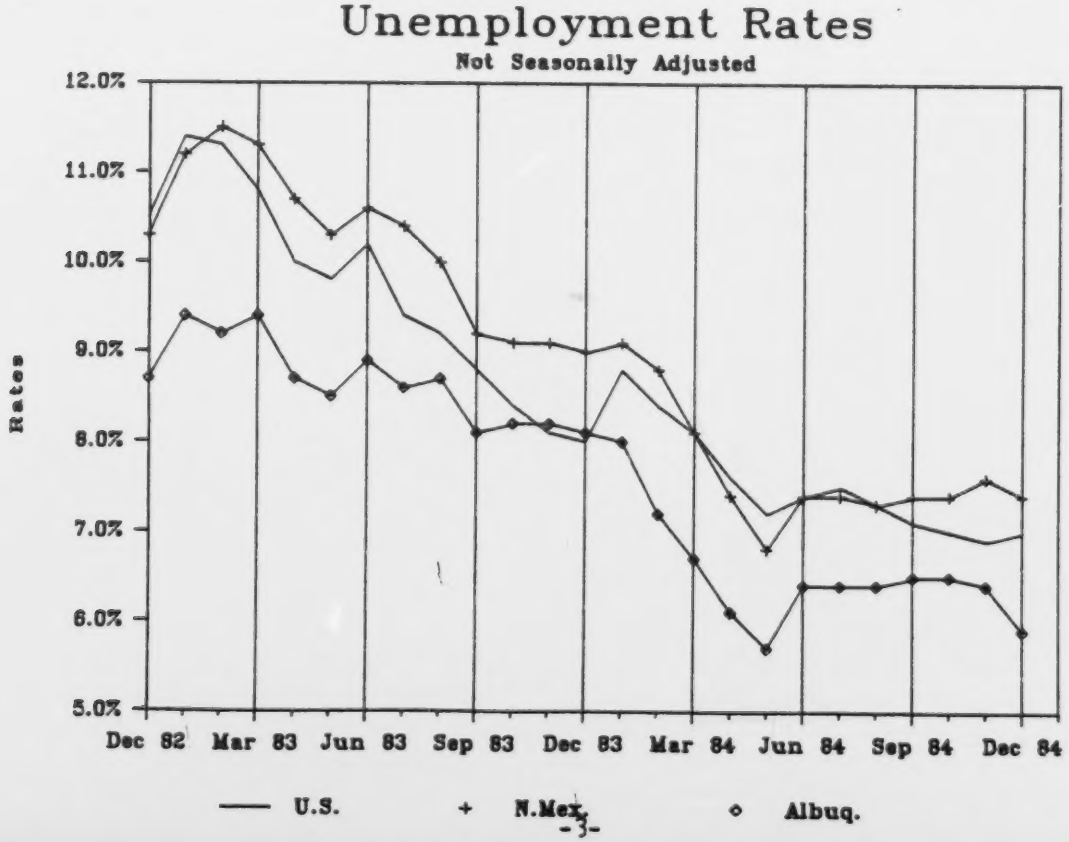
The preliminary 1984 annual average unemployment rate is 6.5 percent, the lowest since 1979 and down 2.2 points from the 1983 annual average of 8.7 percent. The rate declined sharply in the first five months of 1984 and remained rather stable for the remainder of the year.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,300 jobs over the month to 214,000. The retail trade subsector posted the largest change (+1,100), largely the result of continued Christmas hiring. In services, the amusements & recreation sub-sector posted 200 additional jobs as the area ski industry got underway for the winter. Federal government recorded an increase of 400 due largely to temporary hiring. Offsetting these increases somewhat were seasonal employment losses in construction and the food processing sub-sector of manufacturing.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Dec. 1984	Revised Nov. 1984	Revised Dec. 1983	Change From Nov. 1984	Change From Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	253,100	249,600	231,200	+3,500	+21,900
Employment	238,000	233,700	212,500	+4,300	+25,500
Unemployment	15,100	15,900	18,700	- 800	-3,600
Rate	6.0%	6.4%	8.1%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1984	Revised NOV 1984	Revised DEC 1983	DEC Change From NOV 1984	DEC Change From DEC 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	214,000	212,700	203,100	+1,300	+10,900
CONSTRUCTION	15,700	15,900	13,700	- 200	+ 2,000
MANUFACTURING	19,600	19,700	19,100	- 100	+ 500
Durable Goods	13,900	14,000	13,500	- 100	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,900	11,800	12,100	+ 100	- 200
Transportation	5,600	5,500	5,300	+ 100	+ 300
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,400	0	- 500
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	55,000	53,900	52,100	+1,100	+ 2,900
Wholesale Trade	12,900	12,900	13,000	0	- 100
Durable Goods	8,200	8,200	8,300	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Retail Trade	42,100	41,000	39,100	+1,100	+ 3,000
General Merchandise Stores	5,200	4,900	4,500	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	4,700	4,600	4,300	+ 100	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	15,400	15,200	14,500	+ 200	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	12,500	12,000	11,500	+ 500	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,600	12,600	12,000	0	+ 600
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	53,500	53,300	50,800	+ 200	+ 2,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	+ 100
Health Services	12,700	12,700	12,100	0	+ 600
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,500	0	+ 400
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	33,200	33,000	31,700	+ 200	+ 1,500
GOVERNMENT	45,700	45,500	43,300	+ 200	+ 2,400
Federal	13,000	12,600	12,200	+ 400	+ 800
State	12,900	13,100	11,900	- 200	+ 1,000
Local	19,800	19,800	19,200	0	+ 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1984	Revised NOV 1984	Revised DEC 1983	DEC Change From NOV 1984	DEC Change From DEC 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	37,600	37,550	34,750	+ 50	+2,850
CONSTRUCTION	2,875	2,925	2,225	- 50	+ 650
MANUFACTURING	3,575	3,850	3,200	-275	+ 375
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,375	1,325	1,400	+ 50	- 25
Transportation	650	600	650	+ 50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	725	750	0	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,900	7,750	6,775	+150	+1,125
Wholesale Trade	800	775	750	25	50
Retail Trade	7,100	6,975	6,025	+125	+1,075
General Merchandise Stores	925	850	875	+ 75	+ 50
Food Stores	1,250	1,225	700	+ 25	+ 550
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	775	775	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,550	2,650	2,350	-100	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	1,575	1,475	1,325	+100	+ 250
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,425	1,375	1,325	+ 50	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	5,175	5,075	4,625	+100	+ 550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	550	575	525	- 25	+ 25
Business Services	800	725	700	+ 75	+ 100
Health Services	1,250	1,250	1,050	0	+ 200
Social Services	325	325	300	0	+ 25
Other Services & Mining	2,250	2,200	2,050	+ 50	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	15,275	15,250	15,200	+ 25	+ 75
Federal	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
State	5,975	6,075	6,000	-100	- 25
Local	4,900	4,775	4,800	+125	+ 100

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1984	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	DEC 1984	NOV 1984	DEC 1983	DEC 1984	NOV 1984	DEC 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$483.00	$480.32	$486.86	42.0	41.3	44.1	$11.50	$11.63	$11.04
CONSTRUCTION	384.65	376.29	384.03	34.1	35.6	35.2	11.28	10.57	10.91
MANUFACTURING	349.42	330.04	308.80	41.4	40.2	40.0	8.44	8.21	7.72
Durable Goods	378.43	341.82	316.80	43.2	40.5	40.0	8.76	8.44	7.92
Nondurable Gds	264.61	302.20	292.73	36.1	39.4	40.1	7.33	7.67	7.30
COMM and UTIL	448.78	447.02	421.96	41.4	41.7	38.5	10.84	10.72	10.96
TRADE *	260.93	256.86	250.11	35.5	34.9	36.3	7.35	7.36	6.89
BANKING	222.63	197.62	201.88	41.0	35.8	38.6	5.43	5.52	5.23
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$345.68	$323.51	$297.88	41.9	39.5	40.2	$ 8.25	$ 8.19	$ 7.41

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: The State of New Mexico received almost $1 billion in 1984 as a result of direct taxes and other direct revenues from oil and gas activities, according to the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association. The $999.4 million total for the year included $372.9 million from taxes on the oil and gas industry and $626.6 million from direct sources such as lease bonuses, royalties, and earnings from state permanent fund investments. The valuation of construction in New Mexico in the first 11 months of 1984 was down by 12 percent from 1983, according to the F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co..

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Cavan Associates Ltd., a Phoenix-based developer, has announced plans to construct a 15-story, $45 million office building downtown at Fifth St. and Marquette Ave. N.W.. The 500 Marquette Building will contain 269,000 square-feet and is expected to be finished in early 1986. Monolithic Memories will delay construction of its 150,000-square-foot electronic circuit manufacturing plant for six months. Monolithic had started preliminary work on the new plant late in 1984 and it was originally scheduled to be in operation late this year employing approximately 700 workers. The plant's completion date has now been pushed up to October 1986. The delay is the result of an overall industry slowdown. Developers have announced plans for a huge luxury mixed-use land development , to be located west of I-25 near Montano Rd.. Renaissance, an estimated $400 million project on 240 acres, is scheduled to include two large retail shopping centers, 1000 luxury apartments, three hotels, and several large office buildings, all to be built over the next three-to-five years. Renaissance is a joint venture of First Western Financial Corp., Sagebrush Development Corp., and The DicoGroup Inc.. Wal-mart Stores Inc. will assume ownership of the seven closed New Mexico Grand Central stores, and the firm plans extensive remodeling and reopening of the facilities by mid-1985. Five of the Grand Central stores are in Albuquerque, and the others are in Farmington and Santa Fe. A local development group, Partners Properties, plans to build an 80,000-square-foot, $5.5 million office building at the corner of Broadway and Lomas. Completion of the 5-story project is expected in September. Construction should start soon on the $5.4 million Louisiana Plaza Shopping Center, located at Louisiana and Montgomery Blvds.. Also beginning soon will be work on a $9.1 million, 170,000-square-foot shopping center at Wyoming and Harper N.E.. First Hartford Realty Corp. is the developer of the new, as yet unnamed, center. J.C. Penney plans to build a regional telephone sales center in Rio Rancho. The facility will handle telephone catalogue orders from a five western state area and is expected to employ up to 300 people. J.C. Penney plans to break ground for the new facility within two months, and the hiring of employees is expected to begin by April. Amigo Sales Inc., the wheelchair manufacturer that had planned to close its Albuquerque operation, has decided to keep its corporate sales and marketing department here. This decision will retain about 45 of the 65 jobs that would have been eliminated.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: A Texas firm, Sunbelt Moulding Co. of Dallas, has purchased Otero Mills, located north of Alamogordo. Otero Mills was closed in August 1984, and the new owners plan to start up operations again with a workforce of approximately 40. C.S.D. Incorporated is constructing a fully enclosed shopping mall in Ruidoso which will contain 21 retail shops, including Wal-Mart and Safeway stores. The new mall should be open in May. Also in Ruidoso, work is scheduled to begin in March on a three-story, $1.8 million office complex, to be called the Ruidoso Financial Center. Plans for the center call for

20,000 square feet of office space in the first phase and 10,000 additional square feet in the second phase. Ruidoso Downs Race Track's $7.75 million expansion project is proceeding, with completion expected by the start of the 1985 racing season in April.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Kerr-McGee Corporation plans to close its Carlsbad area potash mining operation in the near future if a buyer for the mine and mill is not found. The closing would result in the layoff of approximately 390 workers. The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded a $44.8 million contract to Monterey Construction Company of Colma, CA. for work on the Brantley Dam project. Brantley Dam will consist of a four-mile combination earth and concrete embankment and a 21,000 surface acre reservoir on the Pecos River between Carlsbad and Artesia. The project should be completed in 4 1/2 years and is expected to generate 200 to 300 jobs during the construction phase. AMAX Chemical Corporation delayed the reopening of its Carlsbad potash mine until Jan. 29 because of poor market conditions. AMAX closed the mine on Dec. 3, laying off approximately 300 workers.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: The new North Plains Mall in Clovis is scheduled for grand opening this fall. The 322,000-square-foot mall will be anchored by Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney, and Bealls department stores, along with approximately forty additional smaller shops. The tannery project proposed for Clovis by an Italian firm is presently on hold, according to the director of the Clovis Industrial Commission. The Italian Tanning Corporation reportedly needs additional approval before the project can proceed. A bill appropriating approximately $3 million for a wastewater pre-treatment plant for the tannery is scheduled for submittal to the State Legislature in the current legislative session.

FARMINGTON AREA: The San Juan Company, a subsidiary of Utah International Inc., plans to strip-mine about 1,600 acres of coal north of Farmington near the Colorado border. The mine has a 35-year contract to supply about 1.5 million tons of coal a year to the San Juan Generating Station. Mine construction is expected to start this summer, with the mine opening in the first quarter of 1986. The project will employ about 300 workers in the construction phase and have a long-term employment of about 150 people.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Kerr-McGee Corporation has announced the closure of its Quivira uranium mines and mill at Ambrosia Lake. The company expects personnel layoffs to begin in early February, affecting about 425 workers. Western Nuclear shut down its uranium mining operation near Thoreau in mid-January, laying off about 50 workers. Western Nuclear's shutdown was directly related to Kerr-McGee's plan to close. Western Nuclear's uranium ore was processed at Kerr-McGee's Ambrosia Lake mill. With the closure of Quivira and Western Nuclear, New Mexico has only one operating uranium company, Homestake Mining Company. Homestake employs about 350 workers at its mines and mill near Milan. The Rio West Mall continued to expand in 1984 by adding 19 new stores, resulting in a 45 percent increase in mall traffic. The mall expects an additional 16,000 square feet to open in 1985. Although employment at Sunwest Indian Arts, a producer of sand-painted pottery in Grants, is down to about 10, the company expects to employ up to 100 people when production increases for the summer market.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Commonwealth Theaters opened its new $800,000 Cinemas 3 movie theater in Hobbs in late December. Lea County ended 1984 with 34 oil drilling rigs in operation, leading all areas in the Permain Basin. The entire basin had 365 working rigs in the last week of 1984, up slightly from 345 in the comparable week of 1983. A jewelry manu-

facturer, K.E. Wendling Co., was given a state In-Plant Training grant to train 19 workers as machinists and jewelers. The firm plans to set up operations in Lea County Industrial Development Corporation's business incubator at the Hobbs Industrial Air Park. The business incubator is the former Levi Strauss plant which is being converted to accommodate six to eight new or expanding businesses.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Local businessmen John and Jim Ikard have purchased the Loretto Shopping center in downtown Las Cruces. Work is underway on a $3 million, 20,000-square-foot addition to the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Las Cruces. Grading and foundation work have started on the 5.8-acre site for the 206-room Hilton Hotel on Telshor Blvd. The 170,000-square-foot facility is expected to cost in excess of $19 million and be completed by March 1986. Building permits issued by the City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County in 1984 totaled to 3,083 permits, valued at $103.5 million, compared to 1983 figures of 2,833 permits issued for a valuation of $80.6 million.

RATON AREA: Pacific Studs, a lumber manufacturer in Cimarron, laid off approximately 15 employees in December.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation laid off approximately 40 workers in early January, but the firm is continuing with its plans to lease additional space at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for a demonstration project manufacturing transport trailers. The new project is expected to employ approximately 100 workers beginning this April. Allison Chuck Products, a manufacturer of lathes and steel cutting band saws, has started operations in Roswell with about 10 workers. Another firm, Fiber Form, is expected to begin manufacturing fiberglass products in Roswell in the near future with approximately 10 workers initially.

SANTA FE AREA: The Jaynes Corporation received a building permit valued at about $3.1 million in December to construct an addition to the Psychiatric Treatment Center at St. Vincents Hospital. Tesuque Pueblo opened a $1 million bingo facility near Camel Rock in January. The facility will seat about 1,200 customers and employ between 60 and 100 people. Ground was broken in January for a 26-unit expansion of the Santa Fe Sheraton Inn. The 20,000-square-foot addition will cost about $1.5 million.

SILVER CITY AREA: Kennecott Corporation officials, along with other representatives of the copper industry, met in Albuquerque in early January to discuss possible cost-cutting measures for the depressed metals industry. Kennecott's principal copper operations are three open-pit mines in New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. Kennecott's Chino Mines in Grant County, which operates the fifth-largest copper mine in the United States, has laid off almost 700 workers since 1981. Copper prices now stand at approximately 60 cents a pound, down from more than $1.80 a pound in early 1980.

TUCUMCARI AREA: PIE-Ryder Inc. in Tucumcari temporarily laid off 16 truck drivers in December. Wescon Construction of Albuquerque was awarded a $2.1 million contract to build the new Tucumcari High School auditorium.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
December 1984

CPI-U - 315.5
CPI-W - 312.2

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1984 1/				REVISED NOVEMBER 1984 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1983 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	644,918	597,456	47,462	7.4%	640,860	592,180	48,680	7.6%	605,904	551,435	54,469	9.0%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	253,056	238,004	15,052	5.9%	249,572	233,695	15,877	6.4%	231,238	212,517	18,721	8.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	47,356	44,126	3,230	6.8%	47,903	44,529	3,374	7.0%	42,011	38,608	3,403	8.1%
Catron	896	743	153	17.1%	963	811	152	15.8%	888	724	164	18.5%
Chaves	25,027	23,564	1,463	5.8%	25,102	23,565	1,537	6.1%	23,940	22,250	1,690	7.1%
Cibola	11,915	10,281	1,634	13.7%	11,881	10,179	1,702	14.3%	11,445	9,580	1,865	16.3%
Colfax	6,625	6,013	612	9.2%	6,514	5,869	645	9.9%	6,801	5,863	938	13.8%
Curry	15,971	14,914	1,057	6.6%	15,904	14,772	1,132	7.1%	15,040	13,904	1,136	7.6%
De Baca	1,087	999	88	8.1%	1,077	1,008	69	6.4%	1,008	946	62	6.2%
Eddy	23,994	21,691	2,303	9.6%	23,922	21,889	2,033	8.5%	23,792	21,119	2,673	11.2%
Grant	10,313	8,998	1,315	12.8%	10,202	8,879	1,323	13.0%	9,845	8,459	1,386	14.1%
Guadalupe	1,445	1,324	121	8.4%	1,465	1,337	128	8.7%	1,506	1,379	127	8.4%
Harding	571	542	29	5.1%	596	561	35	5.9%	602	581	21	3.5%
Hidalgo	2,556	2,371	185	7.2%	2,564	2,389	175	6.8%	2,361	2,204	157	6.6%
Lea	32,714	31,236	1,478	4.5%	32,486	31,036	1,450	4.5%	31,777	30,075	1,702	5.4%
Lincoln	8,271	7,868	403	4.9%	8,088	7,713	375	4.6%	7,392	7,006	386	5.2%
Los Alamos	12,153	11,915	238	2.0%	12,008	11,813	195	1.6%	10,761	10,570	191	1.8%
Luna	5,465	4,722	743	13.6%	5,568	4,736	832	14.9%	4,938	4,344	594	12.0%
McKinley	17,565	15,699	1,866	10.6%	17,476	15,507	1,969	11.3%	17,555	15,596	1,959	11.2%
Mora	1,076	741	335	31.1%	1,108	779	329	29.7%	1,114	715	399	35.8%
Otero	15,871	14,676	1,195	7.5%	15,678	14,481	1,197	7.6%	14,616	13,383	1,233	8.4%
Quay	5,474	5,041	433	7.9%	5,577	5,134	443	7.9%	5,489	5,024	465	8.5%
Rio Arriba	12,111	10,016	2,095	17.3%	12,189	10,078	2,111	17.3%	11,668	9,384	2,284	19.6%
Roosevelt	7,776	7,476	300	3.9%	8,651	8,283	368	4.3%	7,344	6,909	435	5.9%
San Juan	37,263	33,020	4,243	11.4%	37,134	32,923	4,211	11.3%	37,021	32,069	4,952	13.4%
San Miguel	9,251	8,174	1,077	11.6%	9,228	8,134	1,094	11.9%	9,228	8,128	1,100	11.9%
Santa Fe	43,354	41,260	2,094	4.8%	42,834	40,695	2,139	5.0%	41,697	39,141	2,556	6.1%
Sierra	2,609	2,447	162	6.2%	2,616	2,455	161	6.2%	2,504	2,377	127	5.1%
Socorro	5,145	4,754	391	7.6%	5,178	4,797	381	7.4%	5,011	4,569	442	8.8%
Taos	11,743	10,056	1,687	14.4%	11,079	9,315	1,764	15.9%	11,491	9,619	1,872	16.3%
Torrance	2,416	2,170	246	10.2%	2,445	2,211	234	9.6%	2,282	2,106	176	7.7%
Union	2,402	2,228	174	7.2%	2,466	2,324	142	5.8%	2,743	2,609	134	4.9%
Valencia	11,447	10,387	1,060	9.3%	11,386	10,283	1,103	9.7%	10,796	9,677	1,119	10.4%

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